

Steps to Collecting the Newborn Screening Blood Test

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Fill in **all** blanks on the Test Request Form (TRF).
(Please print legibly using all capital letters with one character per box.)

The image shows the California Newborn Screening Test Request Form (TRF). It is a detailed form with multiple sections for data entry. Key sections include:

- Parental Information:** Fields for mother's and father's names, addresses, and birth dates.
- Infant Information:** Fields for the newborn's name, sex, date of birth, and weight.
- Medical History:** Sections for prematurity, congenital conditions, and other medical notes.
- Demographics:** Fields for race, ethnicity, and insurance status.
- Collection Information:** Fields for the date and time of blood collection.
- Barcode:** A barcode area at the top for tracking the specimen.

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The image shows the Specimen Collection Card and the Test Request Form (TRF). The Specimen Collection Card is a small card with a barcode and fields for the newborn's name, date of birth, and date of collection. The TRF is a larger form with multiple sections for data entry, including parental information, infant information, medical history, and demographics. A purple box highlights the 'DATE OF BIRTH' field on the TRF, which is linked to the 'DATE OF BIRTH' field on the Specimen Collection Card.



Fill in **Specimen Collection Card:**

- newborn's name
- birthdate
- collection date
- medical record number

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Check that all information on the Specimen Collection Card and TRF is complete, correct and match the newborn's ID band.

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Drop the blood on the Specimen Collection Card.



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After collecting the blood, pull off both sections of the barcode labels from the Specimen Collection Card.



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Place one on the original TRF,



Place the other on the goldenrod copy of the TRF.

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Detach goldenrod copy and file in the newborn's medical record.

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Dry blood spots (lying flat) for at least 3 hours.

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Fold Specimen Collection Card so blood spots are covered by the flap with the biohazard sign displayed on top of card.

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Send original TRF, Specimen Collection Card, and completed transport log to the testing lab daily.

